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Santa, Clowns Fete Faculty, Families

Do boys make as good babysitters as girls? They had a chance to try their luck at the annual Faculty Christmas Party. One hundred five faculty children were the guests of honor at this gala affair and each member of the first semester Social Council was in charge of a youngster.

The P.T.A. and Social Council were co-sponsors of this party held after school on Monday, December 18.

The P.T A. planned a busy afternoon for these youngsters and their parents. First, every child had a chance to climb on Santa Claus Pete Thieson's knee and tell him what he wanted for Christmas. Three clowns, Bill Bartell, Bill Boorse, and Richard Godbald, entertained everyone with a fast-moving tumbling act. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer then came to town as the Chanticleers led group singing. Refreshments and fancy cookies baked by the home economics department added to the festivities.

The climax of the afternoon was a parade and a Santa Claus balloon from Social Council.

New Choir Debuts at Alumni Concert

Maestro Reynald Ellis leads the A Cappella Choir in praises of the Yuletide season.

Vocalists to Offer Yuletide Selection On Tonight's Bill

The newly-formed Concert Choir will make its debut at the annual Christmas Alumni Concert tonight at 8:30 in the large auditorium. The A Cappella Choir and several ensembles will also perform under the direction of Reynold Ellis, supervisor of music.

This year's concert represents a departure from some of the traditional events of the Christmas Concert program. In past performances only one large choral group, the A-Cappella Choir, took part in the presentation. For the first time, smaller groups will actively participate in the program. These groups include the Chanticleers, Folk Singers, a girls' sextet, and a girls' trio.

The highlight of past concerts, however, will be repeated. At the conclusion of the program, all Choir alumni in the audience will be invited to join the choir members on stage in singing the famous Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah, by Handel.

Featured selections by the Concert Choir include: *Psalm 150* by Franck, *Heavenly Light*, by Kopylw, a Russian composer, *Madame Jeanette*, by Murray, and the Fred Waring arrangement of *Christmas Was Meant for Children*.

The A-Cappella Choir will sing four *Love Songs* by Brahms, *Now Thank We All Our God*, and a *Christmas Folk Song* featuring baritone soloist Barry Pomerantz.

Athletic Award Assembly Recognizes Members Of Football, Tennis, and Cross Country Teams

Participants in the fall sports program were honored Monday night, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. with a special sports assembly. At that time letters, numerals, and other awards were presented to football, tennis and cross country team members.

Fred Heinlen, Shaker athletic director, headed the program, held in the large auditorium. Nay Sanna, Robert Rice, and Jack Pickering, coaches of the football, cross country, and tennis squads, respectively, introduced the teams and presented awards to team members.

The Dads' Club awarded championship trophies to the football and tennis teams in recognition of their Lake Erie League victories.

Culminating the evening's festivities, Eddie Finnegan, Western Reserve University athletic director and football coach, addressed the assemblage of award winners, parents, and students.

Cary Zucker was the lone third year award winner for tennis. Winning second year awards were Fred Cohen, Tom Hardesty, Tom Humphrey, Jim Mittleman, and Jim Williams. George Blumenthal and John Ingalls each received a first year award.

Hardy Funk was chosen the most improved runner. Earning second year awards were Howard Hopwood and Jim Inglis, the co-captains of next year's cross country team. Winning first year awards were seniors Bill Dillingham, Hardy Funk, and John Kuenhold; juniors Rick Bamberger, Laddie Porozynski, Bruce Rabinovitz, and Dick Watkins, and sophomores Bill Lorimer and Joe Owens.

Mr. Sanna presented football's Most Valuable Player award to Joe Petko. Larry Lukasik won the Most Valuable Back award. Bill Pieramici was chosen Most Valuable Lineman, and Ron Mesnick was honored for making the greatest number of tackles during the season.

19 Colleges Accept Seniors Under Early Admission Plan

A flood of acceptances from colleges have already reached Miss Wood's office. In the past month more than 25 seniors have been accepted under early admission plans.

The acceptance of **Dick Zager** and **Barb Bernstein** to Northwestern has boosted the total number of Shaker students accepted at that university to 6. Michigan, which recently admitted **Mary Jane Spencer,** has now accepted 7.

Steve Abram, Don Glazer, and **Dennis Kaufman** will attend Dartmouth next fall. **Dave Berger,** the first to hear from a West Coast school, has been admitted to Stanford. **Shelley Larkby** and **Larry Golden** have been accepted at Case, while **Rodger Roseman** has received his acceptance from M.I.T. Purdue has acknowledged the acceptance of **Gary Englander.**

Gretchen Kulow has been accepted at Albion College, **Sally May** at Centenary, **Madeline Johnson** at Endicott, **Carolyn Chapin** at Culver-Stockton, **Carolyn Ramsdale** at Adrienne, and **Adelle Joseph** at Marjorie Webster. **Marty Waterbury** and **Julie Bodwell** have been admitted to Hillsdale.

Ed Werthein has been notified of his acceptance to Tufts University, and **Gerald Gordon** has been admitted to Cornell.

Bobbie Hendricks, the first to hear from two college, has been accepted at both Albion College and Michigan State. **Molly McClelland** has been accepted at Wellesley, and **Nancy Pinter** at Ohio Wesleyan. Goucher has admitted **Karen Burns** and **Annette Edwards.**

This year there have been many move applications turned in before Christmas Vacation than there have been in previous years. Miss Wood said that there have probably been more early acceptances than ever before.

These students made their applications during August, September, and early October. Many colleges require the early decision candidate to wait until he hears from his chosen school before he applies to others. Under the program, the usual April-May college tension is avoided. Said one fortunate senior, "It's a great relief to know so soon, and it certainly takes off a lot of pressure."

Welfare Drive Assures Needy Families of Joyous Christmas

By Ellen Bravo

Shaker has joined in the spirit and good-will of the Christmas season with another Christmas Welfare Drive. The program, lasting from December 4 to December 7, was aimed at giving needy families something more than the bare essentials provided by the County Welfare Board.

Each homeroom selected a family from those listed on the Student Council bulletin board, and decided on an amount satisfactory for that family. The entire program, including this amount, was voluntary. A few of the families could be reached, and homerooms choosing one of these families contributed toys, food, or clothing, as well as financial support. The families aided in the Shaker Plan of Christmas Welfare received no other assistance for the holidays.

In general, the case workers of the County Welfare Department prefer that the families receive money and buy their own goods. These workers aid in seeing that the money is spent wisely. The little extras that Shaker's support bring give a psychological lift to the family and considerably brighten their Christmas season.

John Hexter, chairman of the drive, expressed his opinion of the purpose in these words: "At this time of year, when everyone is out going, we at Shaker are helping out and doing a good job of it."

Hi-Y Shares Season Spirit With Underprivileged Tots

Thirty underprivileged children from Cleveland settlement houses have already had a glimpse of a brighter Christmas this year. On December 17 the senior Hi-Y members entertained these six to eight-year-olds at the Heights Y. Mr. Brown was the teacher sponsor of this activity.

Each Hi-Y member brought a date, and couples were assigned a boy or girl to entertain during the party. Byran James gave a magic show as entertainment, and then Santa Claus, better known as Ron Medinger, passed out the gifts. The rest of the time was devoted to eating and playing games.

This party is an annual affair sponsored by the senior Hi-Y group. Jon Green is the president of the club and general chairman of the program. In charge of gifts is Bob Mincheff, and Mark O'Reilly is the head of refreshments.

The junior chapter set up the food and cleaned up. This was to enable them to get experience for next year when they run the party.

One participant exclaimed, "The party is an annual event, and it is indeed a very enjoyable affair for all who participate."

Byron Accepts Flags From '61 Graduates

As of September 21, 1961, Byron Junior High School has two new 50-star flags.

Last year's ninth grade graduating class decided that for their gift to the school they would present one new 50-star flag for the auditorium stage and another for the flagpole outside the school.

At the installation assembly for the present ninth grade officers, Mike Bonfils, last year's vice-president, presented the flags and led the entire school in the first pledge of allegiance.

Record Fund Started

The gift committee decided that the money they had remaining after purchasing the flags would go to begin a fund for educational records. This fund has been started and will be perpetuated.

Change Curriculum

In this issue and the last one, Mr. Pickering and Mr. Randall suggested improvements for our English department. We would like to add our suggestions concerning the English curriculum.

We feel that the English department lacks course variety. Students can choose any of ten math courses, six social studies courses, six science courses (two biology, chemistry, and three physics), four language courses, and three English courses (regular English, A.P. English, and Reading Improvement-Basic English). A person who does not take A.P. English has virtually no choice in choosing the extra English topics he wants to study.

We certainly have a faculty capable of teaching more specialized subjects. Why couldn't courses in Shakespeare, classical literature, or modern novel, for example, be offered to students interested in doing extra reading? We think that action should be taken to remedy this unfortunate situation.

Doris Katanik has nothing to fear from the scale as she is weighed by Nurse Kotarsky.

Nurse Soothes Head, Heart

"Do you have anything I can give my leather handbag? It's breaking out with some sort of rash." Mrs. Barbara Kotarsky, school nurse, often copes with problems almost as strange as this.

Mrs. Kotarsky has been with the Shaker school system for 14 years. Quite a bit of schooling and preparation is needed for her job. Besides graduation from St. Alexis School of Nursing, Mrs. Kotarsky took additional courses at Western Reserve University to prepare for her nursing in a public school situation.

School nursing is not just putting thermometers in mouths, giving aspirin, and signing tardy slips. More than the apparent job of handling sudden emergencies is the role of the school nurse as confident and counselor. As Mrs. Kotarsky puts it, "A school nurse takes care of more heartaches than headaches." It is often in this role, as a third party, that Mrs. Kotarsky is able to help students with their troubles.

Sickness and Seasons

The seasons of the year have a different meaning to a school nurse than to most people. Whereas many consider it spring when the first robin appears, Mrs. Kotarsky recognizes its appearance by the annual increase in new shoe-itis among the girls. Fall is the season for football injuries—and winter almost always meets its quota of frostbite cases.

Cub Reporters Bolster Staff

After a five-week tryout period, the Shakerite editors have chosen 14 new reporters from 85 applicants. To achieve reporter status, each "cub" reporter had to write five articles which the editors graded.

The new reporters are Laurie Blondis, Ruth Chitlik, Julie Grodin, Bill Kahrl, Michael Liff, Valerie Maresh, Dick Margulis, Betsy Neavill, Joan Pekoc, Patricia Richards, Dick Rose, Sally Stone, Hana Umlauf, and Jitka Umlauf.

About half of the original applicants became cub reporters. They were chosen on the basis of their English teachers' recommendations and various test scores. Each week for five weeks the cub reporters were given tips on newspaper writing and were assigned articles.

The tryout articles varied in subject from play reviews to football coverage. Each week the cubs were given several choices on which to write. The winning reporters were chosen on the basis of their article grades and their personal interviews with Burton Randall, *Shakerite* adviser.

The cub reporters' topics included an editorial, an article on the Heights pep assembly, a feature on a teacher, a fictional interview, and writeup of several football games.

Faculty Spotlight

Possible Changes in Senior English Program Could Stimulate Students, Utilize Teachers

By John Pickering

That education should be an adventure may be a corny remark; I can only hope that sincerity will validate it. Learning should be an exciting enterprise, its outcome uncertain, even hazardous because we proceed at extreme risk, never knowing what cherished ideas must be sacrificed. Those of us involved in education are committed to intellectual adventure.

I have an adventure in mind, which, though hardly hazardous, might add some excitement to the senior English program.

With every teacher there are areas of literature in which he has specialized. In almost every case he will know more about that area than any other teacher on the staff; as many students as possible, therefore, should have an opportunity to study that area with that teacher. It is unfortunate, for instance, that my students must learn what they know about the history of the English language only from the desultory comments I make, while a skillful language historian like Mr. Davis is handy to furnish a lucid, systematic explanation.

As an experiment, I would like to see as many senior English classes as possible scheduled for first period. Let's suppose that the course of study would be like the one we use now, a survey of English literature, although it wouldn't really matter. We could, for example, arrange the same schedule, while working with *genres*. During the first few weeks of school all the students in those classes would report to a large room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to hear the teacher most competent to teach the Anglo-Saxon Age discuss that period of literature. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the students would report to their regular room and regular teacher for discussion of the period or to the library to pursue a literary study. (I believe that at all times the student should be pursuing a literary subject which he has chosen himself and which the teacher thinks is worthwhile. This in addition to the projects assigned by the teacher.) Keeping in touch with the regular teacher will maintain that personal relationship so valuable to the student and the teacher. After the time allotted to the Anglo-Saxon Age has elapsed, the Middle English teacher will lecture and conduct question and answer periods, then the Elizabethan authority, and so on.

Pertinently interspersed among the literary lectures would-be lectures on art, music, history, philosophy, staging of drama, costumes, etc., by real authorities which this high school has on its staff. No longer would my students have to endure my lame, woefully ignorant comments about how the art of the Renaissance reflects a resurgence of man's pride in man. Mr. Jeffrey or Mr. Caldwell would teach these most significant ideas and illustrate them with a comfortable sureness which is attendant only after long and intelligent years of study.

The high school has not neglected the possibilities of such instruction. Two years ago the English Department inaugurated a modest plan for large group instruction with a lecture delivered before the entire senior English class. Last year several lectures were given, again to the senior English students. The Social Studies Department regularly arranges lectures for large groups.

The possible advantages of such a plan, it seems to me, make such an experiment worth trying. Many students would be studying with teachers in areas the teachers are most competent to teach. In the course of a year the students would be exposed to many different points of view. The schedule would provide variety, changes of pace, calculated to keep the student enthusiastic and to reduce the stifled and unstifled yawns, the eye-darts at the clock. This last, I'm afraid, is an embarrassingly autobiographical note.

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Around the Town

Entertainment Meets Vacation Challenge; Theatre, Orchestra Augment Festivities

By Stuart Friedman

The last day of school—finally! No more tests, quizzes or lectures for another two weeks—just homework, term papers, homework, reports, and homework. Do not despair, however, for this Christmas there is a wide variety of movies, plays, and other diversions to occupy the typical Shakerite's time.

At the Heights Art Theatre, for example, the English comedy "Doctor in Love" is now appearing. Either this or "The Devil's Eye," a new Ingmar Bergman movie soon to come, would be just right for that weeknight or weekend date. The Continental Art Theatre on Euclid is showing the film "Cinderella" (the Tchaikovsky ballet, not the Disney cartoon) as done by the renowned Bolshoi Ballet Company.

At the Hanna Theatre darkness will reign until Christmas night, when Paddy Chayefsky's riotous comedy "The Tenth Man" opens. This play, which ran with great success on Broadway, concerns the attempts by a group of elderly Jewish men to cure a girl's madness by driving from her body an evil spirit. The general spirit of gaiety continues as the Playhouse presents a comedy at each of its three theatres: "The Pleasure of His Company" is remaining at the Drury Theatre through January 7; "Ernest in Love," a musical version of Oscar Wilde's scintillating comedy "The Importance of Being Ernest," starts tonight at the Euclid-77th Theatre; and the sophisticated (to put it mildly), comic adventure "Under the Yum Yum Tree" begins December 26 at the Brooks.

In keeping with the busy holiday schedule it observes each Christmastime, the Cleveland Orchestra is presenting, in addition to its regular lineup, two special programs this month. On December 24 Robert Shaw will conduct the Orchestra and Chorus in a 4:00 Twilight Concert of "Christmas Carols from Many Lands," and one week later, on December 31, George Szell will present a Twilight Concert of music by the Strauss family—a standard for New Year's Eve at Severance Hall. Regular concerts include one with pianist Byron Janis tomorrow and Saturday nights. The featured work will be Janis' specialty, the Rachmaninoff Second Concerto. The following week, Assistant Concertmaster Arnold Steinhardt will be the soloist in Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D and George Szell will conduct more music by the Strauss family.

RHYME TYME

with

DAVE AND STEVE

Courting Capers:

A young lady from Shaker Hts.
Had quite an aversion to Its.
Till one night at a party
Her escort got smarty
And amended her bill of rts.

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Constructive Criticism

Though Shaker's parking lots are full,
Our outlook's not so dark;
For it seems that even sophomores
Can find a place to park.

'Tis true the boys don't have a gym,
But they're not filled with gloom;
For they are free to groan and sweat
In Zippy's wrestling room.

Of course the workers' din is harsh,
But what is that to us?
For now we watch construction work
While angry teachers fuss.

And when construction work is done
Our school will be a boon,
But what good will it be to those
Who graduate in June?

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Choleric Counselor

A very fine counselor named Morris
Oft' rants and raves like a chorus.
Yet he uses his knowledge
To get us in college,
And we know that he's really all for us.

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Cagey Competition

Lakewood, Parma, Euclid, Heights
(And shall we mention Shaw?)
Torment us on these weekend nights,
Their cagers without flaw.

Brecksville, Orange (you may choose)
We hoped to be their betters,
And yet sometmes e'en we must lose
To these still loftier netters.

And yet, good fan, don't give up hope;
You'll be a nervous wreck;
For what would happen if some dope
Should schedule old East Tech?

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College Cornered

Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, too,
Oft' named in haughty tone,
To some seemed truly out of reach
While others' faces shone.

Dartmouth, Brown, and old Cornell,
It's getting kind of late.
There'll be some Ivy Leaguers yet
In dear Ohio State.

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Carefree Christmas

Vacation fun runs high at times,
So stay within your means;
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Girls Fence, Dance, and Swim; Boys Practice Physical Fitness

If you see boys running around the track, or playing soccer, or touch football in this cold weather, don't be alarmed. They are just taking part in the physical conditioning policy followed by the boys' physical education department.

Also do not be surprised if you pass by the Elbow Room and see girls contorted in Yoga-like position; they are not practicing talking on the telephone, but are doing modern dance.

Most of the boys' physical education classes now take place out of doors and will continue to do so when the weather is good.

The emphasis is on physical conditioning, such as running, wrestling, soccer, speedball, touch football, and the U.S. Government physical fitness tests. The program will be similar during the rest of the winter, with more emphasis on wrestling.

The girls, more fortunate than the boys in that they have a gym, are playing volleyball and participating in fencing and modern dance. Senior lifesaving and trampoline are also offered.

Excellent Entertainment Available for Vacation

Looking for something to do? Good entertainment need not be expensive, and a variety of healthful activity is available for couple and solo participation during Christmas vacation.

Mercer school will be available for tennis instruction between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on December 21 through December 29. These dates apply to all vacation activities. Riflery instruction is offered at the high school in the same time slot.

The Byron Jr. High pool will be open to all from 1:00 to 2:25, from 2:35 to 4:00, and from 7:00 to 9:00 on Thursday nights. Only high school and college varsity swimmers may have access to the pool from 4:00 to 5:00.

The girls' gyms at both Byron and the high school will be usable daily from 1:00 to 4:00, but those of a hardier nature may enjoy supervised coasting at Thornton Park. The following locations will be available at no cost for ice-skating: Ashwood and Onaway Rds., Warrington and Fernway Rds., Warrensville Center at Shaker, Lomond School, and Van Aken at Kenmore Rd.

Grads Attack Honor Programs; Wreckover Speaks on Colleges

By Rusty Spaeth

The clever Shaker Grads Club has reacted strongly to a Timely Magazine article which names Shaker Heights High School as a veritable warehouse of brains. The Grads Club has taken decisive action against such a reputation. As their president Harold Mixmaster says, "Too many people have the opinion that our kids is all eggheads. We is trying to keep those from having such reputations."

The Grads Club has come up with a unique solution. They are sponsoring a College Defamation Night. At the Defamation Night, students who have flunked successfully from fine ivy league colleges will speak vehemently of their morose undergraduate days. Students who have left universities will relate how a few points in their high school grade average kept them from two cars, chrome plated televisions, tri-level ranch homes, Wellesley girls, eternal happiness, and the other benefits of college-taught wisdom.

Wreckover Speaks

Suggested topics for the series are all based on a refreshingly negative theme. Nuclear submarine expert Highman Wreckover will speak on the field he knows best. Strangely enough, the field Admiral Wreckover knows best is submarines; nonetheless, the Admiral has picked a topic for the Grads Club on education. His topic—"Why a College Education Ain't Really Necessary, Nohow"—will be delivered before an audience of the three students at Shaker who did not make Harvard or Miami, the only schools to which Shaker students apply. A student from Yell University will describe how he withered in the tremendous competition to learn the Yell yell. A shapely flunkee from Burn Maw University is scheduled to speak to students on the poor facilities for married students at women's college campuses.

Seniors Plot

The Shaker Grads Club is doing its best to keep Shaker students from having the unpopular reputation of being eggheads. Once again, Mr. Mixmaster, president of the club, makes a telling point in his argument for lower education: "Them seminars which the so-called Advanced Placement English seniors has is just a cover-up for secret intellectual plots to undermine, and for to convert all Shaker students to being smart-like." Mr. Mixmaster has created a plan to eliminate honors English and honors mathematics students—the students who seem to give the school a bad reputation. "Repeated blows," says Mr. Mixmaster, "on the heads of these students with a blunt instrument should dull their enthusiasm for all their smart-talk. We'll fix them good."

Curriculum Change

In the face of this campaign by the Grads Club to bring back the old pagan virtues (strong bodies, strong breath, weak minds), the average I.Q. at Shaker has dropped one hundred and seventeen points. Students are being urged to elect that subject they would like to major in—reading, writing, or arithmetic—and to pursue the course through their high school career. If enough students elect arithmetic as their major, it is hoped that the literacy average in the community will drop.

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Pre-Med Club Provides Students' Preparation For Future Careers in Medicine and Science

By Jon Goldman

"The Pre-Med Club is not only for people interested in becoming doctors or going into some field of medicine, but also for people whose interests lie in science and the world around them," says Harvey Lefton, president of the club.

The club has presented several speakers who have lectured on medical and scientific themes this year. "These are men experienced in talking to groups—it's part of their profession," observed Harvey.

On November 8, Dr. Robert Hingson, head of anestheseology at University Hospitals, showed the club members the movie Africa Aflame and discussed medicine in Asia and Africa. Dr. Hingson has met and worked with Drs. Dooley and Schweitzer.

October 11, Dr. Victor Vertes, head of the metabolic department of Mt. Sinai Hospital, spoke on what a person who aspires to medicine needs, and of what a doctor's life consists.

November 22, Dr. Harold Burkons discussed pregnancy and abortion.

December 6, Dr. Shapiro spoke on the aspects of allergies.

December 19, Dr. Norman Levy of the University Hospitals will discuss space medicine and genetics.

Laura Shapero receives shot to test for allergies in Pre-Med Club demonstration. Her father, Dr. William Shapero, administers serum.

Job Opportunities

This year saw the birth of the Pre-Med Club as a service organization. Howard Reese heads the new student employment bureau division of the club. "We want to help students interested in work experience in the field where their interests lie," said Harvey. The club will first try to secure volunteer positions for its members. When it acquires a solid reputation, students will be able to get paying jobs, the club hopes.

The club has several projects planned. Dick Stanford with a group of thirty will make a blood study. Harvey Lefton will conduct an animal research program with four lecture sessions about the anatomy of a rat. They will perform operations on rats and determine the effect organ removal has on the animals. Jack Miller, the club sponsor, will direct a genetic study.

Norwegian Wolves Click; Girls Eat 'Varmelpolster'

Kjaere venner (Dear friends),

Eighteen of us school students will be up here in the hills overlooking the lake country around Oslo for about three weeks. We have three hours of language classes in the mornings and enforced study hall for two more hours. Norwegian is terrifically logical and comparatively uncomplicated—no verb conjugations.

Trollvasshytta is the name of the cottage itself—the Hut of the Water Troll. It is a ski lodge for the world's greatest skiers because it is so very close to the world-famous Holmenflollen ski-jump and slalom-run (which we ran half-way down).

Students Celebrate

Last night was the shortest night of the year. At 11:30 the sunset was gloriously red and we could see quite easily to run down the mountain at midnight. AFS students going from the Oslo area to America next term came up for the celebration of Midsummer's Night. We did a lot of talking and singing and eating our "varmelpolster." That is "hot dogs" in Norwegian. Actually they are delicious, mild (Norwegians don't eat pepper) sausages, which are placed in a round, flat kind of potato cake—much better than American hot dogs.

After we ate oranges and apples, which is a real treat here, we went down the mountain to see the fires. On Midsummer's Night every household lights a fire, and we could see strings of them winding up the valley. Sometimes the fires would be in clusters or would ring the lake and wind on up the valley and out of sight. The exciting thing was knowing that these tiny orange lights were burning in every valley and across all the mountains all over Norway.

Enchanting Oslo

We were entranced by Oslo. It's awfully clean and the buildings are tall yellow and light blue and white—all, or nearly all, with red tile roofs. It's a strange feeling being in a city where the only English is "Coca-Cola." On the main street there is a big park down the center where the men and boys sit around and watch the girls. Some things over here are so different—one is the wolves. They don't whistle, they kind of click their tongues as you walk by. Norse wear mostly primary colors, few pastels or mixed colors—no bobby socks and absolutely no Bermudas.

We went down to Oslo to go to a soccer game between Norway and Yugoslavia. The Slavs won "Fern til fire" (5-4). It was exciting, but even more fun was watching the spectators. Our boys all have to learn to play soccer and are doing pretty well banking it off their heads. All the girls have to learn to knit.

Love,
Genie

SHAKERITING

by Dick Prentke

Overheard:

In the Cafeteria: "Looks like rain." "Tastes like it, too."

In study hall: 'Quiet down, some of us can't read." 'For shame, I could read when I was five."

Anywhere: "Who's your favorite author?" "My father." "What does he write?" "Checks."

Basket Bawls:

'See that tall junior playing forward? I think he will be our best man next year."

"Oh, darling, this is so sudden."

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"Remember, fellas, basketball develops individuality, initiative and leadership. Now get out the floor and do exactly what I told you."

Question and Answer Man

Q. Please explain nitrates.
A. Nitrates are cheaper than day rates.
Q. Who was the smallest man in history?
A. The Roman soldier who slept on his watch.
Q. Would you say you have the best column in the paper?
A. You have the best column in the paper.

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Dregs

Shaker bred differs from other breads in being a three-year loaf.

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Men who say that styles are shocking are always ready, however, to be shock absorbers.

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Richard Folph has been suffering from insomnia lately. The other day he woke up twice in American history class.

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The Last Straw:

I leave you with this parting thought:

There are meters of accent,
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A Visit From St. Nicholas

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'Twas the night before
Christmas, when all
Through the house

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Not even a mouse; the
Stockings were hung by the
Chimney with care,
In hopes that

Saint Nicholas

Soon would be there.
The children were nestled
All snug in their beds
While visions of

Sugar plums danced

In their heads. And ma in her
'Kerchief and I in my cap had
Just settled down for a
Long winter's nap, when
Out on the lawn

There arose such a clatter

I sprang from the bed to see
What was the matter. Away to
The window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters

And threw up the sash.
When what to my wondering
Eyes should appear, but

A miniature sleigh

And eight tiny reindeer, with
A little old driver, so lively
And quick, I knew

In a moment it must be
St. Nick . . . but I heard him
Exclaim, ere he drove
Out of sight . . .

Happy Christmas to All And to All a Good Night!

College Corner ★ Pursuit of Knowledge, Search for Fun Shape Oberlin Educational Attitude

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third letter in this series. It is written by Stan Ornstein, Sophomore at Oberlin College.

The New York Times has rated Oberlin the best small college in the Midwest, but my purpose in this article is not to repeat what can be found in any issue of the Oberlin Bulletin. I shall attempt, instead, to describe the Oberlin I know personally, the Oberlin Between the Lines of the Catalogue.

What, then, is the essence of Oberlin? Oberlin College is a cup of coffee in the Snack Bar after a night in the Libe. It is standing in line at 5:00 on a crisp fall morning, writing to buy tickets for the Artist Recital Series. It is a kiss goodnight on the steps of a girls' dormitory. It is the roar of the crowd at a basketball game, shouting "Give Me An 'O'" It is the measured breathing of your roommate after sleep has stolen upon him, terminating your bull-session.

At Oberlin there is a place for everyone, conservative or liberal, playboy or grind. No fraternities or sororities divide the campus into haves and have-nots. No cars give recreation advantages to a small group of students, and coeducational pining (the food is great) and learning make social contacts automatic.

Hard Adjustment

The work load at Oberlin is no greater than you would expect at a nationally known institution which sends on 70 per cent of its male, and 40 percent of its female, graduate to further education the exams are often open-book, making you think instead of merely regurgitating facts. Sometimes it takes a little time to adjust—I flunked my first exam here.

Socially, there are many things to do each weekend, but the initiative is up to you, not the boys in the frat the Library, second largest in the country, is a good place for study dates—in which pursuit of knowledge is combined with just plain pursuits—as well as research. Girls' hours are very reasonable, and men have none at all. Although Oberlin is a small Ohio college town, Cleveland is readily accessible as a recreational and cultural center.

For students from Shaker Heights, going to Oberlin enables you to have your cake and eat it to. You are close to home if you want to come in occasionally, and you are a million miles away if you choose to stay on campus through the semester.

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Panthers Crush Heinlenmen in League Debut

Berea Depth Sinks Mermen In First Meet

Losing their opening dual meet of the fall, the Red Raider mermen fell to a surprisingly strong Berea squad, 56-39, at Berea, Friday afternoon, December 8. The Raiders were unimpressive in their inaugural.

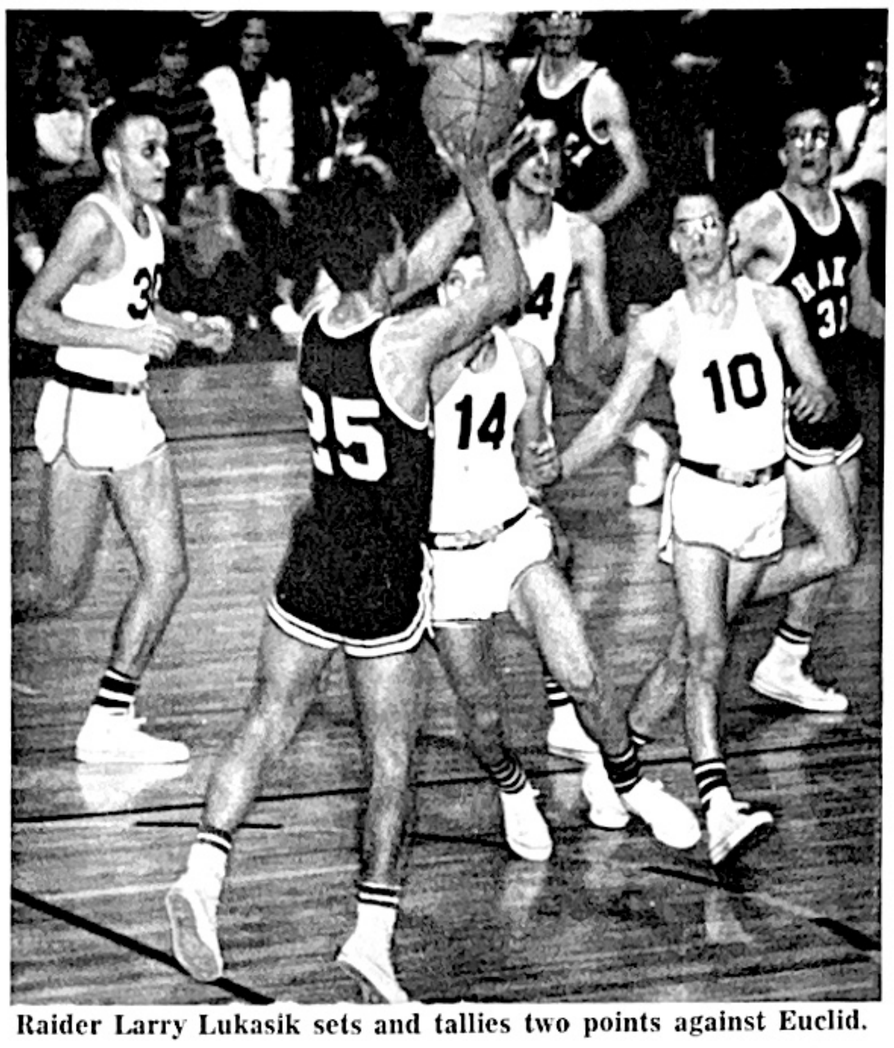
Shaker picked up six firsts, one more than Berea, but failed to show strongly in the other positions, as the Braves gave up only one second place to the Raiders.

Raider **Kurt Kendis** opened the meet with a victory in the 400-yard freestyle with a clocking of 4:41.1. **Robby Feldman** then edged his Berea rival with a 0:24.8 in the 50-yard freestyle. Reigning state champion **Bill Smith** easily captured the 100-yard breaststroke with time of 1:06.1 shattering his own state record. His nearest competitor, Toedtman of Berea, registered a 1:11.4.

The only double winner of the afternoon was Shaker's **Bill Haas**, who triumphed in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley. Haas finished a full 14 seconds before the second place man.

In the last event of the afternoon, the 200-yard freestyle medley, the Raiders spilled Berea with a time of 1:39.6 to a 1:42.4 for the Braves. Shaker's medley relay team consisted of captain **Jim Myers, Ken LaVetter, Harry Greenfield,** and **Robby Feldman**.

In the JayVee competition, Shaker scored a win over their Berea rivals. **Richard Silver** led the squad with a school record in the junior varsity 200-yard individual medley.



Raider Larry Lukasik sets and tallies two points against Euclid.

Grapplers Drop Second Meet; Davies, Janis, and Petko Pin

Despite pins by three Raiders, the Red Raider matmen fell to a strong Bedford team last Thursday at Bedford. The Zippers also suffered three pins in losing, 27-18, their second straight loss of the year. The junior varsity also lost by a 37-11 count.

Roger Davies at 103 pounds opened the meet with a pin for the Raiders. Following three Bedford victories on points, Shaker's **Dick Page** out-pointed Gartner of Bedford, 8-5, to rack up three points for the Raiders. **Les Janis** followed with a quick pin, under a minute, over Meriche.

Raider captain **Joe Petko** provided the only other bright spot for Shaker when he pinned Edge in the second last match of the afternoon.

Petko Cops MVP in LEL

Joe Petko, Shaker's sensational halfback, has been named the most valuable player in the Lake Erie League by the Touchdown Club of Cleveland, adding one more item to his long list of honors.

Petko, recently named Shaker's most valuable player, was a Cleveland Press PresStar, a Cleveland All-Scholastic halfback, and a second string defensive back on the All-Ohio team named by the Associated Press.

As I See It . . .

By Dick Stanford

In a league dominated by height, no basketball team with an average height of 5' 11" for the starting five can realistically hope to accumulate an outstanding won-lost percentage. Each game is a battle, requiring extensive strategy, much more than is needed by a taller team. Only through superb talent and strategy can a short team hope to knock off a taller opponent.

Shaker this year has stayed within ten points in most of their games, but they have won only one game. When the Raiders seemingly collapse in the final periods, they are only attempting to reduce that ten point margin with wide open basketball. With control ball, ten points is a big deficit to erase in a short time; with the fast break, this margin can be overcome.

Good ball handling cannot defeat height consistently, but it can win. Shaker's five has as much basic ability as any team in the league. They may not win every game, but they demonstrate good basketball. They deserve a larger crowd of Shakerites than the one that attended the Euclid game.

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Shaker's aquamen have won last two straight dual meets, a rare occurance, and many observers are beginning to ask, "Why can't we have a team like last year's?" Admitted, the aquamen looked poor at Berea, but against Kent they led going into the last event. Kent has always had one of the best squads in the state, and the present one is no exception. It is time to stop remembering last year's squad and think of the present one.

This year's team has yet to get going. They are a new unit, not yet confident of their own team. Most important, there are few boys with varsity experience on the squad. Those that have swum varsity are good, a few great. Bill Smith's record breaking has become monotonous, and Bill Haas is recognized as a great swimmer. These two are not the only swimmers on the team though. The ability is there, the experience is not, but it will be soon.

'Red Raiders' Result Of Unique Contest

In the first issue of the Shakerite ever to be published, October 19, 1934, a contest was announced to name the Shaker athletic squads. As a result of this contest all Shaker varsity and JayVee teams were nicknamed the Red Raiders. The following is a reprint of the announcement of that contest:

"Shaker's teams need a name! This is not a matter of school loyalty. What is wanted is a name for all of the local athletic teams. In speaking of Michigan one immediately thinks of the Wolverines; of Pitt, the Panthers, of Ohio State, the Buckeyes; and so on down the list. Shaker is big-time now and must follow every minor big-time requisite. We want a name!

"Here are a few suggestions: "The Red Raiders," "The Bulldogs," "The Lions," "The Big Red," and "The Wildcats." You can probably think of better names than these. . . ."

Raider Cagers Fall to Euclid; Panther Height Trips Shaker

By Tom Humphrey

Shaker High's Red Raiders remained within ten points of a powerful Euclid team for three quarters before falling 55-35 on Friday, December 8, at Euclid.

The Raiders played a scrappy game on defense and fought the Panthers evenly on the backboards. Their downfall came with their inability to adjust their offense to cope with the Panther press.

Euclid's press rarely stole the ball, but was effective enough to destroy the timing and cohesion of the Shaker offense. The Raiders got few good shots and did not make a good percentage of the shots they did get.

Euclid's offense was not outstanding. Dennis Perkins, 6'6", forward poured in 22 points, mostly on long jump shots. His ten field goals formed one half of Euclid's total. The other Panther high scorers were held in check so effectively by the Raider defense that no Panther other than Perkins hit in double figures.

With no set offensive patterns, the Panthers ran and shot with an abandon possible only for a team with such tremendous height. Great depth also benefited Euclid as they shuttled ten players in and out of the game, keeping their boys fresh and quick for their press and fast break.

Bob Rawson had nine points and **Jerry Goetz** had eight to pace the Raider attack, which could muster only ten field goals for the entire game, but which showed a flash of brilliance at the beginning of the second half to bring the Raiders within striking distance.

Jay Vee Cagers Win Over Orange, Brush

Already victorious in half of their four games this season, the JayVee basketball team is looking forward to another winning season. Triumphs over Orange and Brush have offset losses to Euclid and Brecksville.

Three juniors, **Bob Gross, Roger Cohen,** and **Rick (Wild Bill) Odom,** form the nucleus of the team, while sophomores **John Robson, Dick Mears,** and **Jim Krause** add to the team's strength.

The Jay Vees opened the season with a victory over Orange in a close, hard fought game. **Bob Gross** led the Raider scoring with 14 points. On December 1, the Brecksville junior varsity routed Shaker, 44-35. Once again **Bob Gross** was the high point man for Shaker with 8 points.

On the following night, Brush was victimized by the Stochers, 56-31, in the easiest win of the year. **Bob Gross** led Raider scorers for the third straight time, as he poured in 22 points.

Opening their league competition, the JayVees fell to a strong Euclid five, December 8. Though the final score was 47-30, the score does not indicate the caliber of game. Shaker led at the quarter and half, but then lagged behind as Euclid pulled away.

Raider Records Fall in Vain; Aquamen Sunk in Last Race

Shaker's aquamen last Wednesday afternoon fell to the Kent High mermen, 46-40, in their second dual meet of the season. It was Shaker's second loss of the year, first at home, against no wins. The Red Raiders held a one-point lead till the final event, the 160-yard freestyle relay.

Shaker captured the first of the two relays, the 160-yard medley relay, to take a 40-39 lead over Kent. Shaker's team of **Jim Orr, Bill Smith, Bill Haas,** and **Jim Myers** clocked a 1:25.2 to easily defeat Kent at 1:31.9.

In the final event of the afternoon, the decisive 160-yard freestyle relay, Kent built up a narrow lead early in the race. Shaker's last man, **Robby Feldman,** pulled up on his opponent but fell inches short as he came in three-tenths of a second after the Kent man. This loss gave Kent the meet.

Four records were set in the meet, three by Raider mermen. In the 200-yard freestyle **Bill Haas** smashed the previous pool mark, a 2:00.0 set by Merritt of Lakewood last year, with a 1:59.8.

Raider **Bill Smith** shattered both the pool and the school marks in the 100-yard breaststroke. With his time of 1:05.5, he eclipsed the mark of 1:05.6 that he had set himself last year. **Smith** has now broken records in each of the two meets this year. Both his times have been better than his state record time at the State Meet last year.

The fourth record came in the 100-yard individual medley. Kent's D'Atri washed out the old pool mark of 1:47.0 with a sensational 1:41.8. This broke the old record set by Bill Edwards of Lakewood in 1960.

Shaker piled up four first place against six for Kent. **Robby Feldman** triumphed in the 40-yard freestyle, **Haas** took the 200-yard freestyle, **Smith** sank his opponents in the 100-yard breaststroke, and the medley relay team smashed Kent.

Intramural B-Ball Begins

Basketball intramurals will be held this year as usual despite construction as games will be played Saturdays in the Girl's gym at Byron and the Girls' gym at the high school. Coach Bob Rice said that the intramural teams would be separated into three leagues.